



Technologies for a FAIRer Use of Ocean Best Practices

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The main goal:

Transition from a loosely-coordinated set of existing ocean observing activities to a sustainable, efficient, and fit-for-purpose Integrated Atlantic Ocean Observing System (IAOOS)



WP6 Cross-cutting issues and emerging networks

[...]

Coordinate engagement of international expertise and dissemination of best practice to improve efficiency and impact

[...]

to include international expertise in the design and development, operation and maintenance of IAOOS and to disseminate this best practice

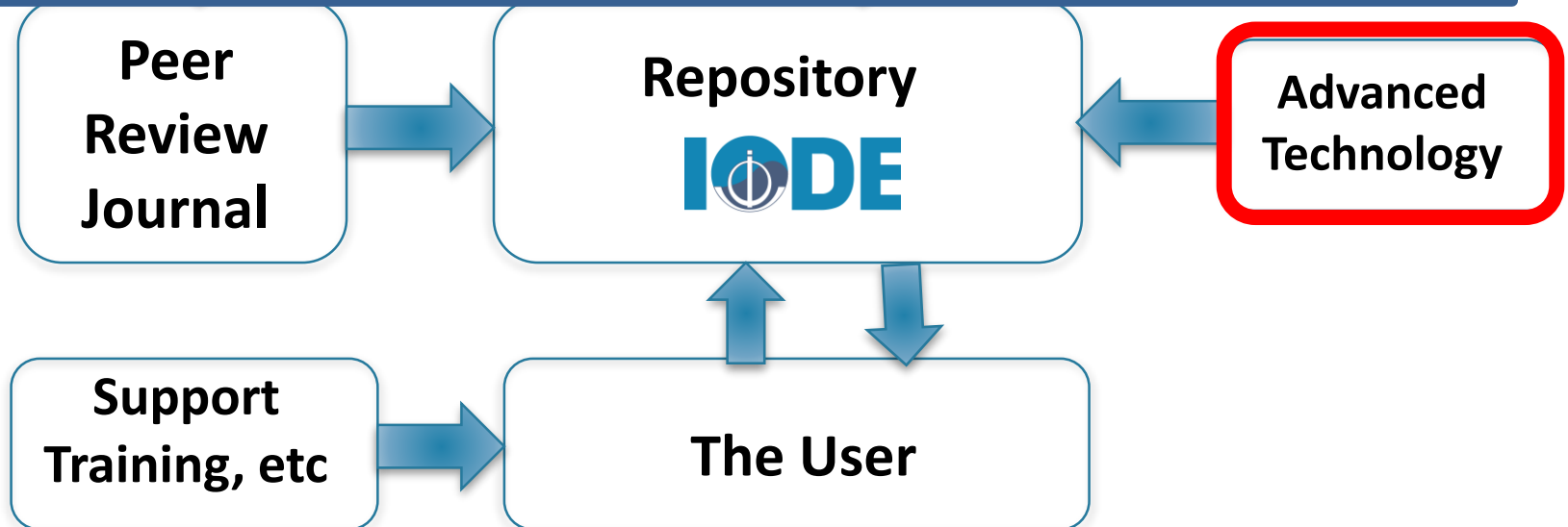
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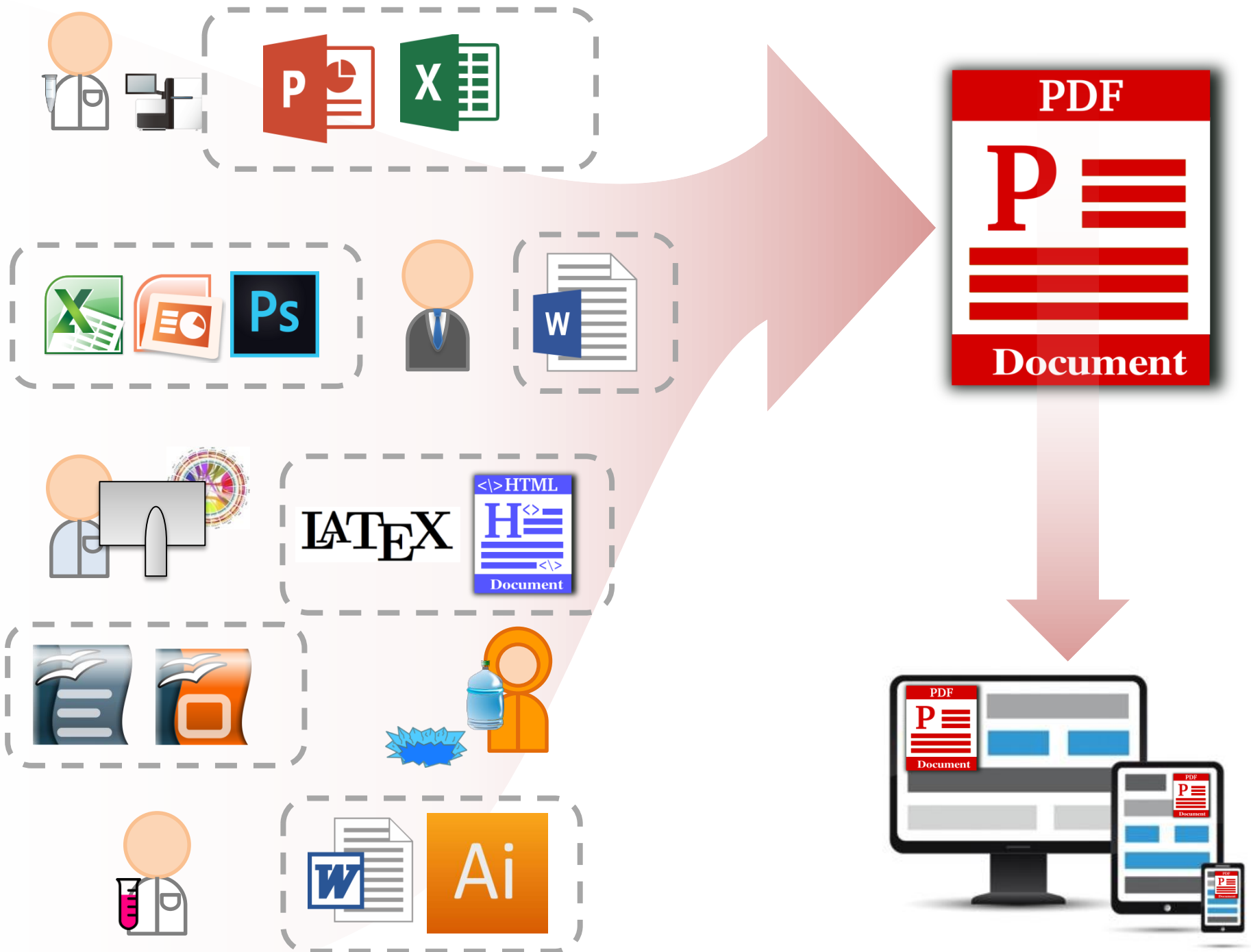
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OceanBestPractices System: a global resource to facilitate harmonizing practices in ocean observation, data and information

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The status quo...



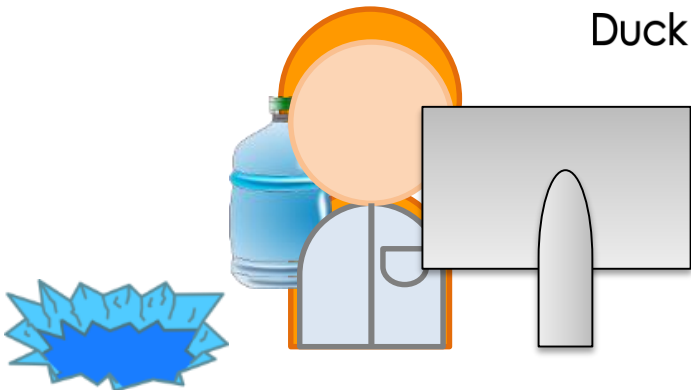
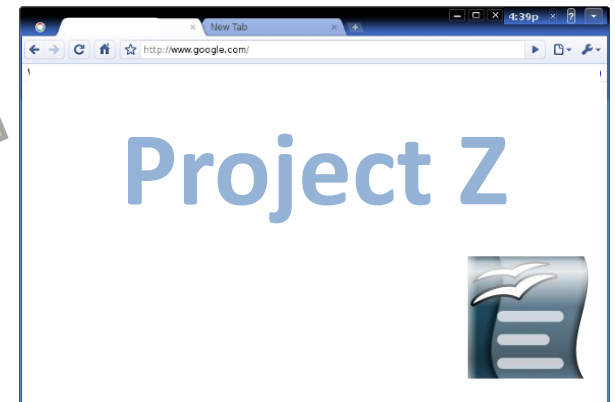
Most potential BPs are scattered, have varying degrees of accessibility, and varying digital lifetimes

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The Mission: solutions for a FAIRer future for Ocean Best Practices

FAIR: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable

Wilkinson et al. (2016) *Scientific Data* 3, DOI:10.1038/sdata.2016.18

The basis...



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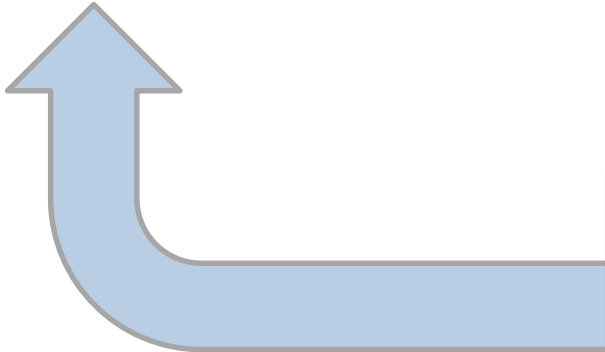
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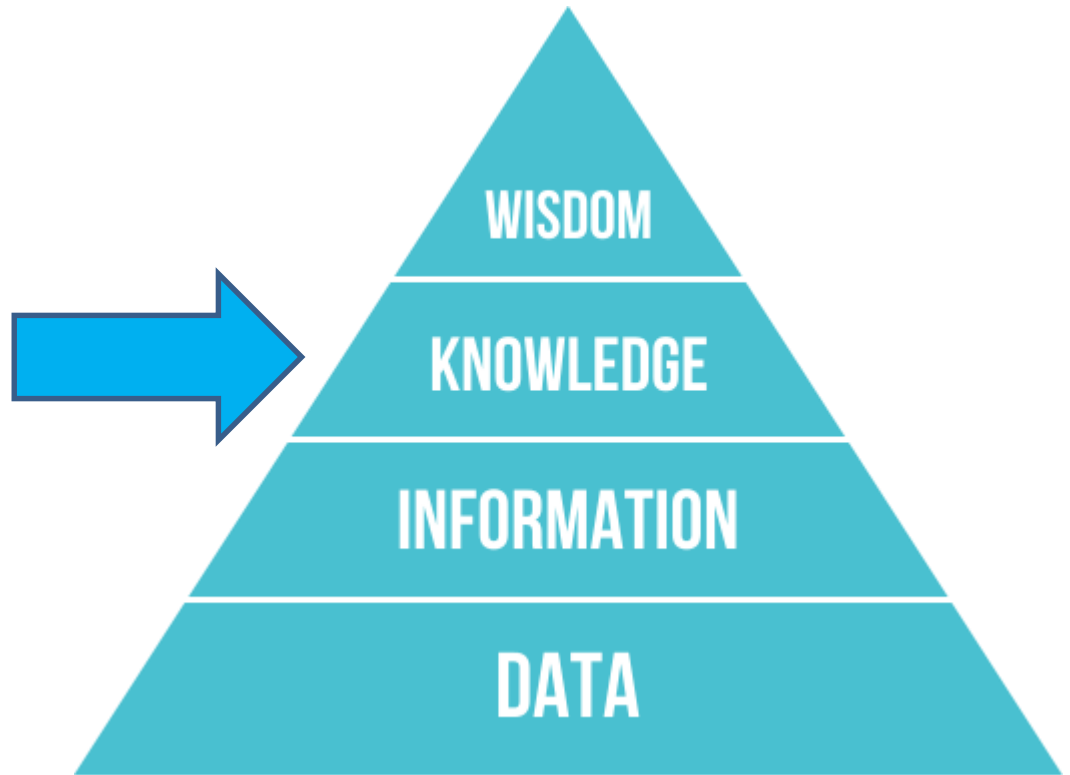
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Adding semantics...

TO BE INTEROPERABLE:

- I1. (meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.
- I2. (meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles.
- I3. (meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data.

Semantic tech



A rough illustration of the semantic gradient

Stronger semantics

Aiming for a high degree of expressivity, thus advanced querying and data mobilisation options

Ontologies

Taxonomies

Data models

Controlled vocabularies

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Weaker semantics

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UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030

“To gather ocean stakeholders worldwide behind a common framework that will ensure ocean science can fully support countries in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal 14 on the ocean.”



***Sustainable Development Goals
Interface Ontology***

**Building data systems to support
interfaces to the Global Goals, targets,
and indicators**



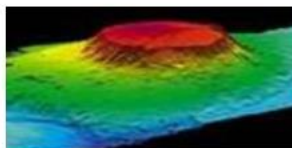
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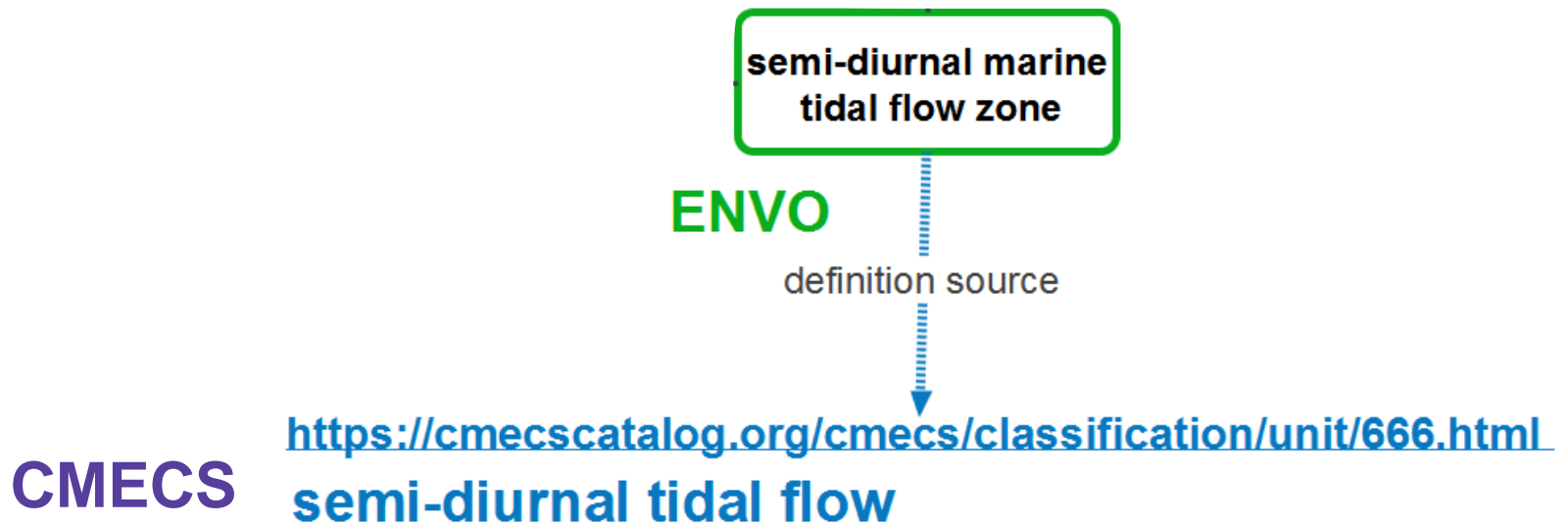
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Testing ontological expression of CMECS, clarifying ambiguities, and creating development cycle with the CMECS teams





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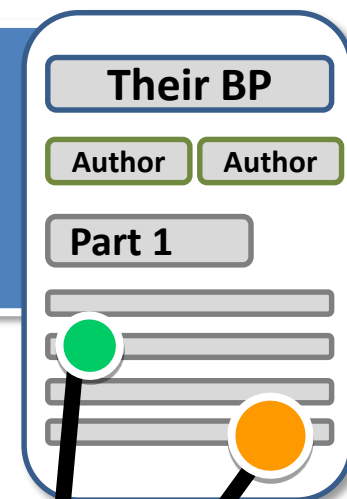
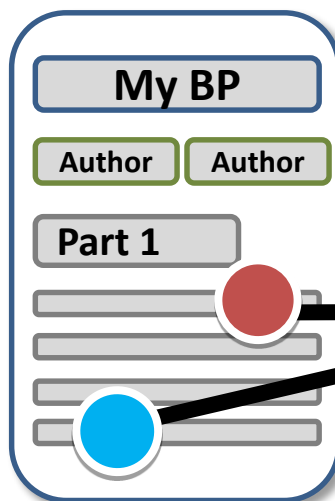
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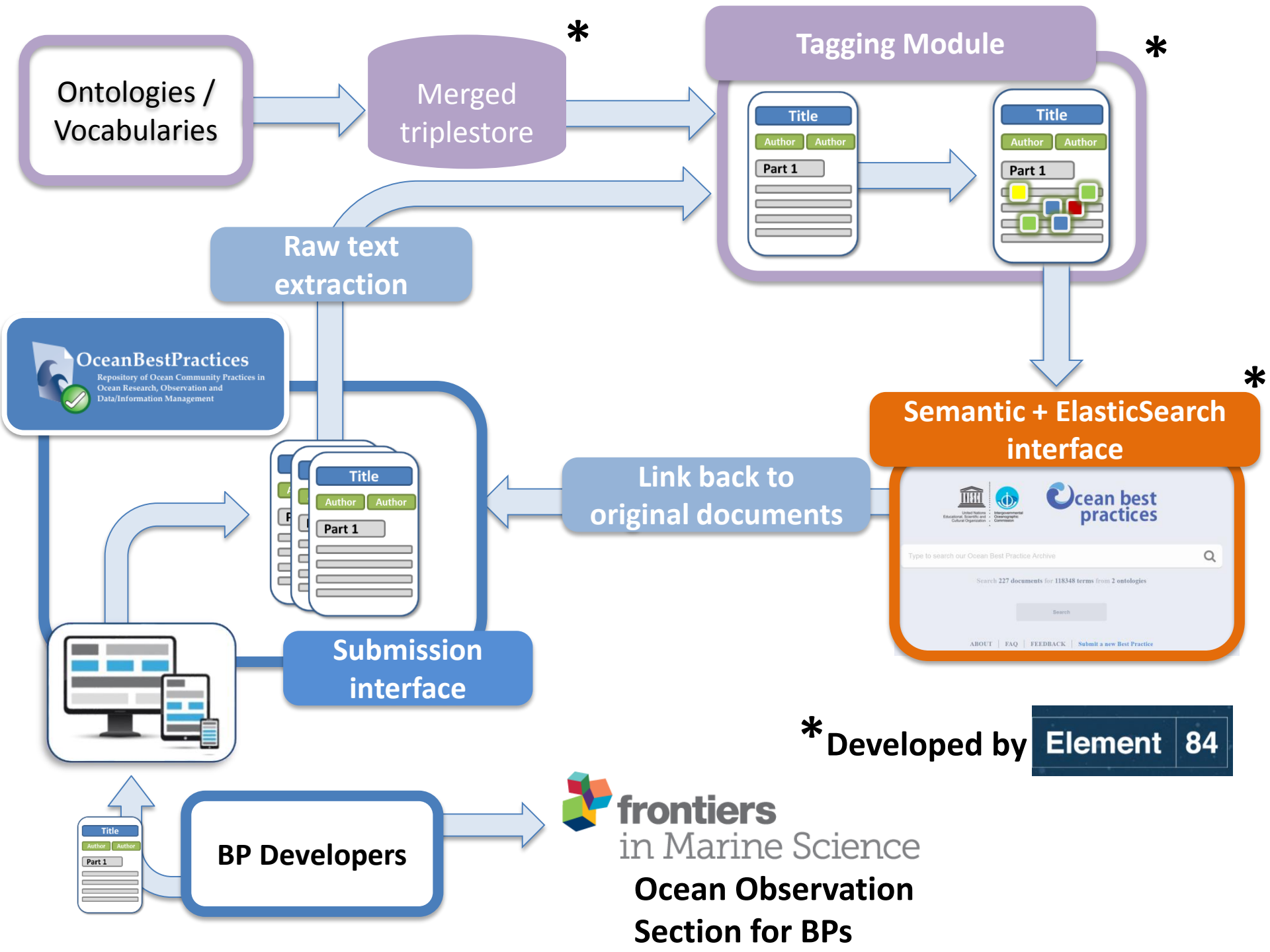


BODC sensor vocabs



OBO Foundry Ontologies

ENVO, CHEBI, SDGIO





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Search **326 documents** for **121029 terms** from **3 ontologies**

ENVO, CHEBI, SDGIO
(more on the way!)

Beta testing launching very soon

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9. MARINE SAMPLING FIELD MANUAL FOR GRABS AND BOX CORERS

HIGHLIGHT MATCHED TERM: **SEAFLOOR** ▼

9.1 Platform Description

Grabs and box corers both use receptacles to collect sediment after they are dropped to the **seafloor**. While the scooping motion of grabs disrupts unconsolidated sediment to various degrees, box corers return largely undisturbed samples of the sediment strata (Eleftheriou and McIntyre 2005). Grabs and box corers target surface sediment and associated porewater and fauna. They are typically deployed over sandy or muddy substrates, although some grabs can collect gravel or cobbles.

There is no single type of grab or box corer suitable for all environments, and selection of the most suitable type depends on the biological or physical target, substrate, depth, and vessel capabilities (Narayanaswamy et al. 2016). Acquired data can be quantitative (e.g. volumetric or mass specific) or semi-quantitative due to inconsistencies in sample volume and sediment disruption due to bow waves or other gear effects (Blomqvist 1991). For these reasons, this manual does not mandate specific gear types. There are numerous references to help facilitate decisions regarding grab and box corer equipment for a given marine survey (Riddle 1989, Eleftheriou and Moore 2005, Danovaro 2010, Narayanaswamy et al. 2016). Nevertheless, for monitoring purposes, it is preferable to maintain consistent gear through time and space, and we therefore recommend this where possible.

9.2 Scope

This Grab and Box Corer Field Manual includes gear designed to sample unconsolidated sediment and organisms on the **seafloor**. General steps are outlined in Figure 9.1 and described in detail in the sections below.

The samples collected by grabs and box corers can be used to derive a range of physical, chemical, and biological parameters (Eleftheriou and McIntyre 2005), and each of these parameters requires a

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to enhance discovery

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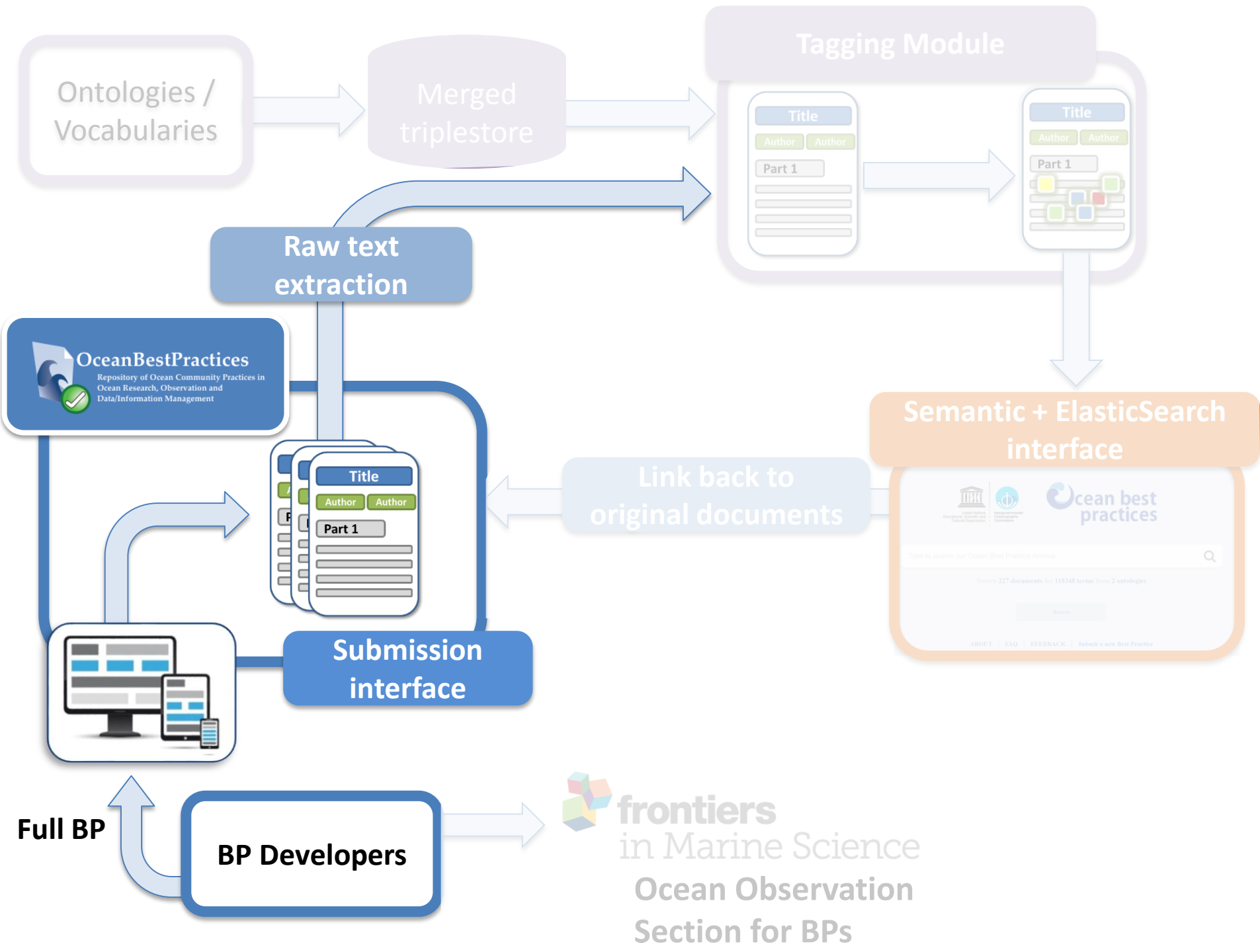
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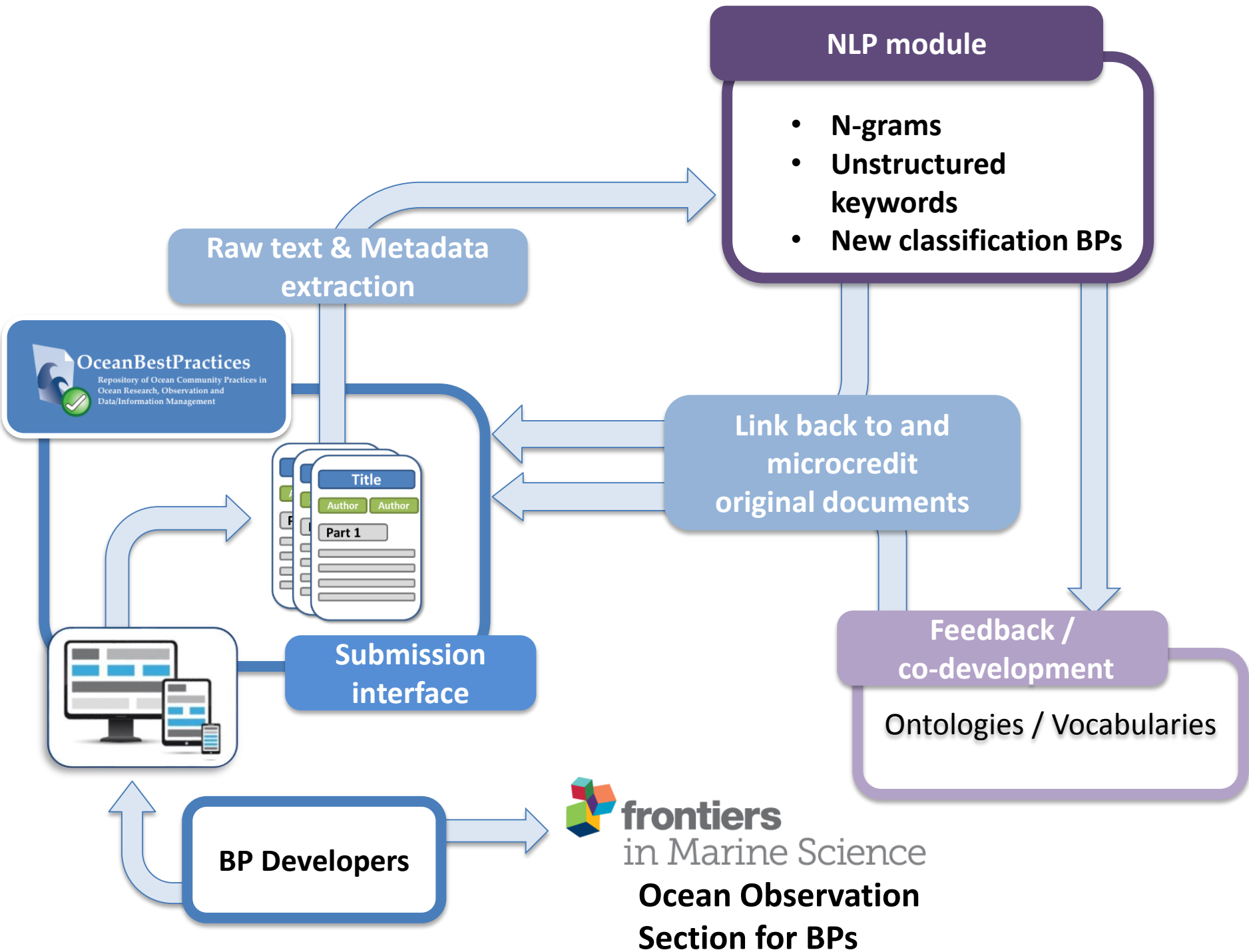
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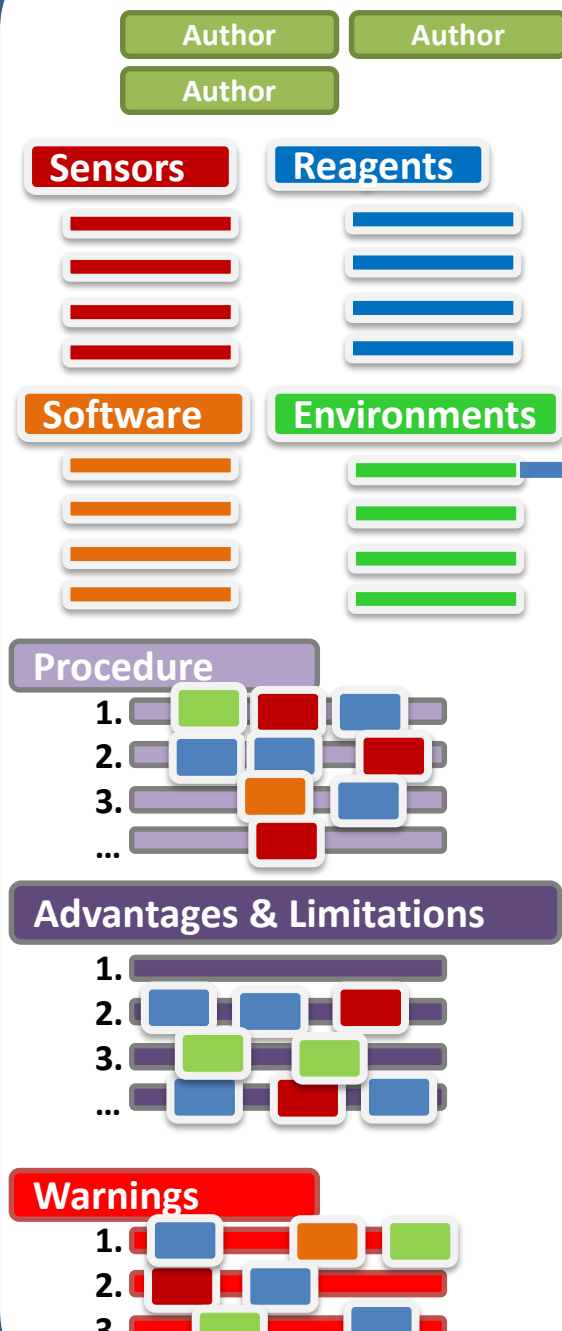
Concluding remarks

**We're well on the way to a semantically enhanced,
international BP repository for the Ocean Observation
community**

The near future...

- **Incorporate more semantic and terminology resources to improve coverage, focusing on interoperation and relevance to ocean observing**
- **Refine NLP and tagging routines for improved accuracy and knowledge harvesting**
- **Provide community guidelines on submitting parseable best practices**
- **Use semantic tags to link BPs to oceanographic data holdings and streams**
- **Improve user experience of the OBP system to simplify interaction with ontologies, while preserving their expressivity**

My Best Practic 2.0



Opening up BPs to informatics and linking them to data and information holdings

- Retrieve the common **sensors** across the protocols “McMussel mussel bed survey” and “OysterTech oyster reef survey”
- Retrieve all BPs that use the **software** “ArcGIS”
- Retrieve the **advantages and limitations** of the protocol titled “Sampling seawater for marine microbes”
- Retrieve the protocols and the list of **reagents** for documents authored by **E Hemmingway**



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